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**TOP SECRET SENSITIVE** A33.1

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**TOP SECRET SENSITIVE** 051020Z MAY 72 [REDACTED] (BUNKER)  
FROM: AMBASSADOR BUNKER SAIGON 0085 IMMEDIATE  
TO: THE WHITE HOUSE, EYES ONLY FOR HENRY A. KISSINGER  
REF: WHS 2063

1. I HAVE HAD A FRANK DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL ABRAMS ON THE SUBJECT OF REFTTEL. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THE BROADER CONSIDERATIONS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN OUR DEALING WITH THE SOVIETS, GOING AS THEY DO BEYOND THE PROBLEMS WE FACE HERE. HE WAS ENTIRELY RECEPTIVE TO MY EXPLANATION AND WELCOMES THE PROCEDURE YOU HAVE OUTLINED, I. E., THAT HENCEFORTH THINKING ON QUESTIONS OF THIS KIND WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO HIM THROUGH ME. IN THE CASE OF OVERRIDING SECURITY PROBLEMS ABOUT WHICH THE PRESIDENT WILL WANT TO BE INFORMED, HIS VIEWS WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH ME. I THINK IT IS A FACT THAT SIGNALS FROM SOURCES IN WASHINGTON MAY HAVE BEEN CONFUSING AND THE PROCEDURE THE PRESIDENT PROPOSES WILL AVOID THIS HAPPENING IN THE FUTURE.
2. GENERAL ABRAMS' MESSAGE RECOMMENDING DEFERRAL OF HANOI/HAIPHONG STRIKES WHICH I HAD NOT SEEN BEFORE WAS BASED ON URGENT REQUEST FROM PRESIDENT THIEU TRANSMITTED TO HIM THROUGH GENERAL VIEN. I THINK THE SITUATION NOW HAS BEEN STRAIGHTENED OUT.
3. WARM REGARDS.

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